recommendations with regard to raising the height of the Periyar Dam

(b) if so, the details of recommendations;

(c) whether any study has been made regarding the causes for the breach in the forebay Dam Periyar in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details of findings and total loss caused by the breach?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Expert Committee appointed by the Government of Kerala to study the entire aspects relating to the rising of the storage level of the Mulla Periyar Dam has recommended that it is not prudent and advisable to increase the storage Level of the dam to elevation of 152 ft. from elevation of 136 ft.

(c) No information has been received by the Ministry of Water Resources or the Central Water Commission (CWC) about breach in the forebay of Mulla Periyar Dam and no study has been conducted on this issue by the team of CWC.

(d) Does not arise.

Waste Disposal

*357. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether incineration is not perfect to solve the problem of waste produced by hospitals in the country, particularly in the capital;

(b) whether a Seminar was held recently in Delhi to find ways to solve this problem; and

(c) if so, the policy adopted for waste disposal and the guidelines issued to all the hospitals in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Incineration is one of the methods available for disposal of Hospital waste. Alternative System of disposal is adopted for hospital waste that cannot be incinerated such as shredding, auto-cleaning etc.

(b) Several Seminars have been held in Delhi to discuss various aspect of hospital waste management. Recently, a national Symposium on Medical Waste Management was held on the 27-28th September, 1996, at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

(c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests had notified draft Bio-Medical Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1995 on 24.4.1995 for eliciting opinion/ objections of the public and concerned agencies likely to be affected. These draft rules, inter-alia, provide that every hospital, nursing home, clinic having more than 30 beds or catering to more than thousand patients per months should install an incinerator in its premises and all bio-medical wastes which are not incinerable should be pre-treated, disinfected and disposed of in an environmentally sound manner. The Supreme Court in its order dated 7.5.1996 directed that incinerator or any other equally effective alternative should be installed in all hospitals/nursing homes with more than 50 beds in Delhi.

The Central Pollution Control Board has circulated guidelines for waste disposal and has laid down standards for incinerators.

National Council for Development of Urdu

*358. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the composition of the National Council for Development of Urdu;

(b) the achievement of the Council since its inceptions; and

(c) the programme of action and funds allocated for the year 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (c). The composition of the National Concil for Promotion of Urdu Language is as follow :-

Chairman : Minister for Human Resource Deveopment

Vice Chairman : Shri Raj Bahadur Gaur

Members :

1. Shri Rajeinder Malhotra
2. Dr. Narinder Luther
3. Prof. Jagan Nath Azad
4. Dr. (Ms) Laiq Salah
5. Ms. Jeelani Banu
6. Sh. L.K. Gulati
7. Prof. Malakzada Manzoor Ahmed
8. Dr. Gopi Chand Narang
9. Prof. Abdul Mughni
10. Prof. Nizamuddin S. Gorekar
11. Sh. Shahid Siddiqui
12. Sh. Abdul Faiz Sahar
13. Sh. Kashmiri Lal Zakir
14. Ms. Salma Siddique
15. Sh. A.S. Malihabadi
16. Sh. Mustaba Hussain
17. Prof. Mohd. Zaman Azurda
18. Syed Manzoor Ahmed
19. Shri Syed Azam Hussain

20. Prof. (Ms) Sayeda Saiyeden

21. Prof. S.M.H. Rizvi

22. Sh. S.G.A. Naqvi

Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities (or) his representative Joint Secretary (Languages), Deptt. of Education.

Financial Adviser, M/O H.R.D.

Chairman, Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, New Delhi.

Director, Central Instt. of Indian Languages, Mysore.

Director, Central Hindi Directorate, New Delhi.

Director, Kendriya Hindi Shikshan Mandal, Agra.

Director, National Council for Educational Research & Training, New Delhi.

Sh. D.P. Sharma, Joint Secreatry and Legal Adviser, M/O Law.

Since its inception on 1.4.1996 the National Council for promotion of Urdu Language has made the following achievements:-

Published the following :-

(a) English-Urdu Dictionary - 3rd Volume

(b) Urdu Encyclopaedia - Ist Volume

(c) Wazahati Kitabiat - Vol. III

The following have been sent to press for preparation :-

(a) English-Urdu Dictionary - Vol. II & IV

(b) Urdu Encyclopaedia - Vol.II

A five days terminology seminar on Agriculture has been held and finalised 600 terms. Examinations/ Interviews were supervised in 100 calligraphy training centres and typing/shorthand centres. Besides, one Book exhibition was held at Hyderabad.

The Programme of action for the year 1996-97 is as follows:-

(i) Urdu Encyclopaedia 2 volumes

(ii) English Urdu Dictionary in 3 volumes

(iii) Glossaries (English-Urdu) - 3 volumes

(iv) Titles - 15

(v) Establishment Calligraphy Training Centres -2

(vi) Examinations/Interviews in 48 centres

(vii) Book Exhibition - 4

(viii) Seminar - 1

(ix) Sale of books - 6 lakhs

The funds allocated for the National Council for promotion of Urdu Language for the year 1996-97 is Rs.100 lakhs.

Decontrolled Medicines

*359. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WALFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a list of decontrolled medicines has been prepared for monitoring their cost by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which success has been achieved by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). No such list has been prepared. However, studies are conducted on the price trend of medicines through monitoring of the wholesale price index of drugs and market surveillance to guard against abnormal price increase.

Heart Disease

*360. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :
SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been considerable increase in the number of persons, who die from heart disease in the country;

(b) the average rate of persons who die from heart disease every years;

(c) the ratio of persons died due to heart attack in comparison with other countries;

(d) whether the Government propose to make the treatment of heart disease cheaper so that the poor patients suffering from heart disease could be saved; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and other measures - preventive as well as curative being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). Data on heart diseases in the country as a whole is not available, as such deaths are not notifiable by cause. However, the Report of Registrar General of India on Cause of Death Survey (Rural) 1993 indicates that 13.8% of deaths are due to diseases or circulatory system which includes most of the cardio vascular disease. The comparison of ratio of persons died due to heart attack with other countries is as per statement.

(d) and (e). There is no such proposal. A Pilot Project on Control of Cardio Vascular Disease has been initiated by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in five States, namely Delhi, Haryana, Assam, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh. This project has the objectives of